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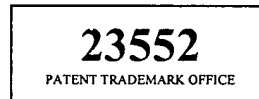
Applicant: BROWN et al. Examiner: UNKNOWN
Serial No.: 10/639,947 Group Art Unit: 1744
Filed: 08/12/2003 Docket: 8436.73USC1
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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Supplemental Amendment and Response
- The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Amended" table
- ☒ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27
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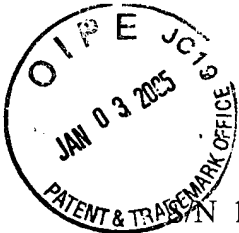
CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims								
18	-	18	=	0	x	9.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims								
4	-	3	=	1	x	44.00	=	\$44.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE								\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								44.00

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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